GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4076
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AID/ ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES FOR TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COLLABORATION
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether allocation of fund is made by the Government after determining the multilateral and bilateral aid and assistance programmes for technical and economic collaboration with other countries;

(b) if so, the year-wise and country-wise details of technical and economic collaboration determined for the aid and assistance programmes during the tenth five year plan;

(c) whether funds have been released for disbursement to the other countries for humanitarian aid and assistance;

(d) if so, the details of the expenditure incurred therefor during the tenth five year plan;

(e) whether any special plan component has been incorporated for giving aid/assistance to Bhutan; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a)-(d) Yes, Sir.

India`s development assistance to fellow developing nations represents an important dimension of India`s diplomatic outreach. Through technical and economic cooperation with these nations, India has been able to share with them, its rich developmental experience and expertise, as also appropriate technologies. India has been implementing several programmes and schemes, to contribute to the development of friendly nations. India`s assistance is an expression of our solidarity and goodwill towards these countries, and has generated a large measure of understanding and support for India in the International Community. India extends assistance, through bilateral mechanisms, as well as through regional and multilateral arrangements. Bilaterally, India`s assistance to our neighbours has been the most significant. Bilateral aid to Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Maldives, and Afghanistan has been noteworthy. India`s aid also goes to the African nations, and the Central Asian countries. Under the ITEC Programme, India`s developmental aid encompasses virtually the entire developing community of nations. India has also provided prompt Disaster Relief, the Tsunami Assistance provided to Sri Lanka, Maldives, and Indonesia was an outstanding example.

India`s developmental assistance has taken, diverse forms, such as, establishment of capacity building institutions, execution of economic and industrial projects, establishment of industrial estates, SME centers, gifting of equipment, provision of consultancy services, deputation of experts, and above all provision of training both civil and military.

A statement showing the year-wise details of development assistance disbursed during the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05(RE) of the Tenth Five Year Plan is enclosed.

(e) There are two components to India`s assistance to Bhutan. Plan assistance for large projects particularly hydro-electric projects. The Hydro-electric projects are currently financed on a 60% Grant, 40% Loan basis. In addition, India provides Non-Plan grant assistance to Bhutan.

(f) The details of assistance provided during the last three financial years are given below :

[PLAN]

Sl.No	Financial year	Actual expenditure in crores (Rs.)
1.	2002-2003	650.00
2.	2003-2004	783.17
3.	2004-2005	760.71

[NON-PLAN]

Sl.No	Financial year	Actual expenditure in crores (Rs.)
1.	2002-2003	231.44
2.	2003-2004	245.02
3.	2004-2005	432.52

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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STATEMENT SHOWING EXPENDITURE UNDER AID / ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES FOR TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES AND ADVANCES TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS
(Rs. In crores)

Technical and Economic Cooperation with Other Countries	2002-03 Actuals	2003-2004 Actuals	2004-05 B.E.	R.E.
Aid to Bangladesh	0.50	0.54	3.30	
Aid to Bhutan Non-Plan	232.54	245.34	313.65	
Plan	375.25	456.00	455.00	
Aid to Nepal	45.93	57.91	66.17	
Sri Lanka - Other Aid Programmes	14.08	5.65	15.30	
Aid to Maldives	1.71	3.20	3.20	
Aid to Myanmar	1.51	2.57	6.21	
Aid to Other Developing Countries	157.11	96.22	285.55	
Aid for Disaster Relief	17.81	7.22	5.10	
ITEC Programme	37.18	45.13	49.00	
SAARC Programme	0.76	0.17	0.79	
SCAAP Programme	6.40	6.71	5.50	
Aid to African Countries	4.87	81.41	106.84	
Multilateral Economic RelationProgramme	12.52	1.00	1.90	
Investment Promotion and PublicityProgramme	0.13	0.59	0.38	
Aid to Central Asia	1.93	5.76	8.50	
Grants in Aid to	22.55	0.00	0.00	
Grants in Aid to Nigeria	7.19	8.80	0.00	
Tajikistan Total				

Plan	375.25	456.00	455.00
Non-Plan	564.72	568.22	871.39
Total Technical and Economic Cooperation with other Countries	939.97	1024.22	1326.39
Advances to . Foreign Govt			
Loans to Govt. of Bangladesh	13.35	20.00	18.87
Loans to Govt. of Bhutan Plan	272.89	327.15	280.00
Loans to Govt. of Nepal	0	0.00	0.01
Total Plan	272.89	327.15	280.00
Non-Plan	13.35	20.00	18.88
Total Advances to Foreign Govt.	286.24	347.15	298.88
TOTAL AID A ND ADVANCES	1226.21	1371.37	1625.27